

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-73. (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) A wireless microphone communication system for use by a plurality of operators on a stage, comprising:

a plurality of wireless microphones each independently portable on the stage by the operators;

a wireless receiver operable to wirelessly receive radio signals from each of one or more of the plurality of wireless microphones; and

a plurality of computers each being connected to the wireless receiver over a Local Area Network (LAN) different from the radio signals received by the wireless receiver ~~to the wireless receiver~~ and each being connected to a respective display and a respective keyboard;

wherein the wireless receiver obtains from the radio signals and continuously sends over the LAN information indicative of a status of at least one of the plurality of one or more wireless microphones,

wherein the status comprises at least one of: an RF level, a VU level, and a battery level.

wherein the plurality of computers continuously receives the information sent over the LAN from the wireless receiver, [[and]]

wherein each computer displays the received information, [[and]]

wherein each computer displays one or more character strings input through the respective keyboard by an operator associated with the computer, and sends the one or more character strings to the other computers, and

wherein each computer also displays one or more character strings being input by other operators associated with other computers through respective keyboards connected to the other computers and being sent from the other computers, thereby allowing all of the displays to display the same content.

75. (Previously Presented) A wireless microphone communication system of claim 74, wherein each computer further displays a marking made by an operator on a display region, and sends the marking to the other computers, and wherein each computer further displays markings being made by the other operators and being sent from the other computers.

76. (Currently Amended) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 74, further comprising:

a camera, separated from the wireless microphones, the wireless receiver, and the computers, the camera positioned above the stage for acquiring images of the entire stage while a given wireless microphone is carried and moved by an operator on the stage, the camera being connected over the LAN to a given computer; and

wherein the given computer continuously receives from the camera the images acquired by the camera;

wherein the given computer continuously determines whether or not the information indicative of the status of the given wireless microphone indicates an RF level lower than a predetermined threshold; and

wherein the given computer stores an image received at a time when the given computer determines that the RF level is lower than the predetermined threshold.

77. (Currently Amended) A wireless microphone communication system for use by a plurality of operators on a stage, comprising:

a plurality of wireless microphones each independently portable on the stage by the operators;

a wireless receiver operable to wirelessly receive radio waves from one or more of the wireless microphones and operable to obtain information indicative of a status of the one or more wireless microphones, the status comprising at least one of: an RF level, a VU level, and a battery level; and

a plurality of computers each being connected to the wireless receiver over a LAN separate from the wireless signals ~~to the wireless receiver~~, each computer being coupled to a respective display and a respective keyboard, and each having circuitry configured to:

- receive over the LAN, from the wireless receiver, the information indicative of status of the one or more wireless microphones;
- display the received information on the respective display;
- receive first character strings input through the respective keyboard by one of the plurality of operators and display the first character strings;
- send the first character strings to other computers over the LAN; and
- receive over the LAN, from the other computers, second character strings input by others of the plurality of operators by way of keyboards coupled to other computers; and
- display the received first and second character strings together on the display.

78. (Previously Presented) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 77, the plurality of computers each having the circuitry configured further to:

- receive a first marking made by the one of the operators on the respective display, and send the first marking to other computers over the LAN;
- receive over the LAN, from the other computers, second markings made by the others of the operators on displays coupled to other computers; and
- display the first and second markings together on the respective display.

79. (Currently Amended) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 77, further comprising:

- a camera, separated from the wireless microphones, the wireless receiver, and the computers, the camera being positioned above the stage for acquiring images of the entire stage while a given wireless microphone is carried and moved by an operator on the stage, the camera being connected over the LAN to a given computer; and

- wherein the given computer has circuitry configured further to:

continuously receive, from the camera, the images acquired by the camera;

continuously determine whether or not the information indicative of the status of the given wireless microphone indicates an RF level lower than a predetermined threshold; and

store an image received at a time when the given computer determines that the RF level is lower than the predetermined threshold.